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To: Renata B. Hesse, or other concerned parties
Re: Microsoft Antitrust Case

Thanks for taking public comments on these types of activities. I think it is of value to get a feel for public opinion. Although I often value the opinions of those around me, there are certain times when the application of logic, rational behavior, and extraction and analysis of fact is quite appropriate.

Such as in cases like this, for example. The facts are that this company's key stakeholders and practices, and those of other closely related industries such as media, combined with the actions of the trading community and elected representatives have now put a substantial portion of federal, state and teacher pensions at risk.

Coupling content and the wire puts objective journalism at risk, which compromises the integrity of our country.

It is time for the Judiciary to step up to the plate and fix some problems here, related with this company and some of the other trusts and associations that have cornered markets and brutalized civil liberties in the interest of policing their businesses.

There is no free market economy now. From a systems perspective, our national and global economies are now self limited, and unless the markets are tuned with proper regulation designed to actually set free Adam Smith's invisible hand, (admittedly a contradiction at first read), several national economies will self destruct. Quite probably our own will be among them.

Consider, if nothing else, the data that is coming out of our federal accounting offices. Difficult times are ahead of our nation now, for the decadence and lack of proper regulation over the last decade, particularly the lack of disciplined monetary policy. It's time to properly tune the system and work to re-establish a healthy, diverse national and hopefully a healthy global economy will follow.

Please work to bring these players in check. They are out of control and are destroying this country.

Kindest Regards,

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